

AMENDMENT*In the Specification*

Please amend the Specification as indicated below:

Please replace paragraph number [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[0001] This Application is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority from co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/732,385, filed December 7, 2000, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/356,142, filed July 19, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,217,914, which claims priority from Provisional Application Serial No. 60/125,356, filed March 19, 1999.

Please replace the heading at page 9, line 24, with the following replacement heading:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. (AMENDED) A composition comprising:
- at least about 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid, wherein the ascorbic acid comprises pretreated ascorbic acid;
- an amino sugar; and
- water.

9. (AMENDED) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a serum, a lotion, an ointment, a cream, a gel, a foam, an emollient, microspheres,
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